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Dear Sir:

As a member of the Sierra Club, I am essentially an environmentalist, but not to the extreme activism that some of our well-intentioned members display.

But in the case of the peripheral canal project, I have to speak out. Simply, I am for the preservation of the state's basic natural resources - keeping it pristine in all possible areas for the enjoyment and recreation of all of us.

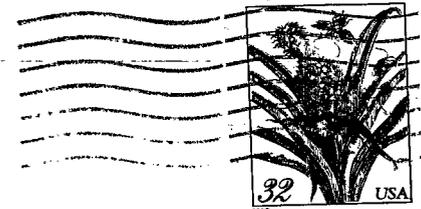
Agribusiness is a powerful force in any political segment of the state legislative and executive departments. But they must not be allowed to run rough-shod over the recreational needs of Californians. I have seen the examples of clear-cutting in Washington state - along with the Weyerhaeuser restoration systems - such as those in the Mt. St. Helens area. But it doesn't ever match up to the natural beauty of the pristine forest. California is already a robust state with billions of dollars of business assets. We don't need to tear up natural lands just so some aggressive developer can make more bucks by the demand for packaged water supplies.

I speak for many of my fellow members of the Sierra Club in begging you to hold off the pillaging, money-oriented efforts of Agribusiness in California.

Respectfully,

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